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1. One region of this country proudly lays claim to the atrocious food mashup "pizza-ghetti." The western part of this country is home to a popular ice cream made from whipped soapberries. A dessert from this country consists of layers of chocolate and custard atop a base of walnut, wafer crumbles, and shredded coconut. The nanaimo (nuh-NYE-mo) bar was created in this country, which is also the origin of butter tarts. A popular brand of macaroni and (*) cheese is typically known in this country as Kraft Dinner. A signature dish from this country consists of french fries covered with cheese curds and gravy. Tim Horton's is based in, for 10 points, what country known for poutine (POO-teen) and maple syrup?

ANSWER: Canada <Andert>

2. A holder of this title is imbued inside Presley Carnovan in a 90s cartoon whose title includes the word "Alive!" One holder of this title demands that Eustace "return the slab" in an episode of *Courage The Cowardly Dog.* Cleo Carter assists a revived holder of this position in a Discovery Kids show in which that holder carries a (*) Scepter of Was. The twin brother of a holder of this position created a golden eye Maximilian Pegasus used to defeat Seto Kaiba; the spirit of another holder of this position is sealed into the Millennium Puzzle and manifests as Yami Yugi. For 10 points, the cartoon *Tutenstein* (TUT-en-stine) centers on an ancient holder of what position?

ANSWER: **pharaoh** [accept answers like **Egyptian Pharaoh**; prompt on prince] (the first line is *Mummies Alive!*) <Maharjan>

3. This NHL team lost a record 71 games in their second season of existence, which was their last season in a venue called the Cow Palace. This team won its only Presidents' Trophy but lost in the playoffs to the eighth-seeded Anaheim Ducks in 2009, the season before its current captain Logan Couture debuted. The NHL's all-time leader in games played, Patrick (*) Marleau, spent over 20 years with this team. This team's logo, which inspired record merchandise sales in the early 1990s, depicts this team's namesake creature biting a hockey stick. For 10 points, name this NHL team in the southern Bay Area, which signals power plays by playing the *Jaws* theme. ANSWER: San Jose Sharks [accept either] <Nelson>

4. In a scheme to steal this painting, a group of girls cheat in a series of quiz bowl matches in the British film *St Trinian's*. In 2014, Banksy painted around a Bristol alarm box to create an adaptation of this painting. A jealous wife calls this painting "obscene" and attempts to stab it at the end of a 2003 film. (*) Colin Firth played the artist of this painting in that film, which inaccurately depicts this painting's subject as a maid. In an adaptation of a Tracy Chevalier novel, Scarlett Johannson played the title figure of, for 10 points, what painting by Jan Vermeer of a figure with a turban and a piece of jewelry? ANSWER: *Girl with a Pearl Earring* <Nelson>

5. As a featured artist, this rapper sang of turning "into a monster" when "the moon shines like Ice Road Truckers." Future and this artist released a collaborative mixtape in 2018 following their success with the single "Fine China." Experiences "where I can't move a thing" and your (*) "shadow's in my room" are described in a hit by this artist, who featured Marshmello on a single from his album *Legends Never Die.* That album was released after this rapper died of drug-induced seizure at a Chicago airport. "Come & Go" and "Lucid Dreams" are hits by, for 10 points, what late rapper whose stage name includes a misspelled word?

ANSWER: Juice Wrld [pronounced "juice world"] <Maharjan>

6. A pilot sent back in time to World War II is central to a comic book series with this name by William Gibson. A character who recently adopted this nickname is freed from a villain's influence after seeing Iceman appear to die. A Russian space project with this name titles the sixth book in Anthony Horowitz's *Alex Rider* series. After having his powers enhanced by Apocalypse and taking up the mantle of (*) "Death," the mutant Warren Worthington III becomes known by this name. An X-Men character with huge metallic wings is known as, for 10 points, what name usually given to high-ranking divine beings?

ANSWER: Archangel [accept Ark Angel; do not accept or prompt on "Angel"] <Nelson>

7. [MODERATORS: examine pronunciation guides before reading.] One scene in this film ends with Nisha grabbing one of many full buckets of KFC laid out at a karaoke party. An obnoxious wannabe hip-hop star in this film is pelted with *croquembouche* ("croak"-ahm-BOOSH) pastries and called a "*croquem*-douche" ("croak"-ahm-DOOSH). After a brief riding lesson, this film's two leads have a cutesy fight using literal horse poop. This movie's casting of Matthew Lillard as a (*) school principal is a nod to the 1999 movie that this film gender-swaps. A popular girl named Padgett (PAJ-it) played by TikTok star and terrible actress Addison Rae hopes to make a hunk out of an artsy classmate in, for 10 points, what really bad 2021 Netflix teen comedy?

ANSWER: <u>He's All That</u> [do not accept or prompt on "She's All That"] <Vopava>

8. In a pivotal moment of the 2009 World Series, Johnny Damon took this action twice in a single play. Due to changes in how this action is defined, a single-season record held by Hugh Nicol is strongly disputed. Coincidentally, both the 19th and 21st centuries have featured players named Billy (*) Hamilton who excelled at this action; After breaking a record in this action held by Lou Brock, a star for the Oakland A's triumphantly removed a related object from the field and lifted it over his head. Rickey Henderson holds numerous MLB records in, for 10 points, what act of sneakily advancing on a baseball field, typically as a pitcher throws the ball? ANSWER: stolen bases [or steals]

9. A hiatus by this musician abruptly ended in October 2021 with the release of a single that begins, "I cry at the start of every movie." At concerts, this artist performs *butoh*, a style of art dance she also included in the video for her single "Working for the Knife." This woman sings about racial alienation in a track off her 2014 album (*) *Puberty 2* titled "Your Best American Girl." This singer declares, "My god, I'm so lonely" at the start of a much-memed 2018 song that repeats the title word 28 times in a row and which bolstered her reputation as a "sad indie girl." The song "Nobody" is by, for 10 points, what Japanese-American indie singer?

ANSWER: <u>Mitski</u> ["MITT-ski"] [or <u>Mitski Miyawaki</u> or Mitsuki (Francis) <u>Laycock</u>; accept any underlined portion] <Vopava>

10. While visiting the Serengeti, a man who lived in this region died after being startled by a gunshot. A TV movie partially named for this region starred Anthony Michael Hall as the rival of a man who goes into business with Daniel Kottke. The last two seasons of (*) *Halt and Catch Fire* are set in this region, where Richard Hendricks finds sudden success with an incredibly efficient method of digital compression. A Discovery+ mini-series about the "Untold Story" of this region features an interview with Steve Wozniak. Thomas Middleditch played a developer at Pied Piper in a show named after, for 10 points, what tech-heavy region of California?

ANSWER: <u>Silicon Valley</u> [accept <u>Pirates of Silicon Valley</u> or <u>Silicon Valley</u>: The Untold Story; prompt on <u>California</u> or <u>Bay Area</u> or other less specific answers] <Maharjan>

11. A scathing 2021 song by this artist insists "take what you please, don't give a damn" over a minimal piano accompaniment. A 2021 film based on an album by this artist centers on Lila, a queen and abuse survivor who endures a perilous pregnancy. This woman claimed "I am not a martyr, I'm a problem" in the song "I Am Not a Woman, I'm a God" from a 2021 album produced by members of (*) Nine Inch Nails. The cover of this artist's album *If I Can't Have Love, I Want Power* depicts her partially bare-chested and holding her infant child. The 2020 album *Manic* is also by, for 10 points, what singer of "Bad at Love" and "Without Me"? ANSWER: Halsey [or Ashley Nicolette Frangipane] <Nelson>

12. In 2018 a venue owned by this man held a "fire show" in which five observers were set on fire. Most of the items sold by this man, including one named "kafes" (KAH-"face"), can be bought covered in 24-karat gold. This man's rise to fame followed a viral video featuring him with an item described as (*) "Ottoman." When using a technique he calls the "three-finger pinch," a certain substance bounces off of this man's forearm. A pun on this man's name and a word meaning "meat" provides the name of "Nusr-Et," a chain of luxury eateries. Sunglasses and a white T-shirt are worn by, for 10 points, what Turkish chef known for his flashy method of seasoning food? ANSWER: <u>Salt Bae</u> [or Nusret <u>Gökçe</u>] <Nelson>

13. Video game legend Billy Mitchell inspired a villain on this show whose son tries to turn this show's setting into a highway exit. This show's eighth and final season introduced a black and white villain who was an "anti-" version of one of its other characters and was set almost entirely in space. After defeating the Klorgbane, a yeti on this show changes his name to reflect his love of (*) skipping. The protagonists of this show work at a park managed by Benson, which also employs Hi-Five Ghost and Muscle Man. Rigby and Mordecai, who are a raccoon and blue jay, respectively, are the protagonists of, for 10 points, what Cartoon Network series that is, despite its name, fairly weird? ANSWER: *Regular Show*

14. A director with this surname cast Maya Hawke as a filmmaker who discovers the internet sensation Link in the 2020 film *Mainstream*. Another director with this surname used one of Paris Hilton's mansions to film a 2013 movie partly inspired by a real crime spree in which Hilton was robbed. It's not Polanski, but a writer-producer named Roman shares this last name with the director of 2017's *The Beguiled*; that (*) woman with this surname directed *The Bling Ring* and a 2005 drama about two unhappy Americans stuck in Tokyo. *Lost in Translation* was made by a director with, for 10 points, what last name of the filmmakers Gia and Sofia, as well as their relative who directed *The Godfather*? ANSWER: Coppola ("COPE"-uh-luh) [accept Gia Coppola or Sofia Coppola or Roman Coppola or Francis Ford Coppola] <Vopava>

15. Team and position required. In 2017, Eric Yarber was hired as a coach for players with this position. In an interview with Bridget Condon, one player in this position gave a remarkably detailed answer about a "three-deep" fire zone. A November 2021 injury to Robert Woods led to increased opportunities for Van (*) Jefferson at this position. A recently acquired holder of this position was signed in November 2021 after a messy exit from the Browns. Including the playoffs, another of these players in 2021 recorded an unprecedented 2,000 yard season. Odell Beckham Jr. and Cooper Kupp are examples of, for 10 points, what players who catch passes from Matthew Stafford? ANSWER: wide receiver for the Los Angeles **Rams** [accept any answer with both underlined parts; prompt on answers mentioning just Los Angeles or L.A.] <Nelson>

16. This man described a time when "you'll find it coming out the other side" in a 2001 song that earned him his fourth straight Grammy for Best Male Rock Vocal Performance. This singer added a fair number of grunts to his cover of a Guess Who song about a figure who should "stay away from me." In 2020, this artist said "it was cold" to explain a photo of him wearing a preposterously large (*) scarf. This man noted "I wish that I could fly, into the sky, so very high" in "Fly Away" and alluded to the title question of another song by smoothly declaring "but what I really wanna know is..." The actress Zoe is a daughter of, for 10 points, what singer of "American Woman" and "Are You Gonna Go My Way"? ANSWER: Lenny <u>Kravitz</u> [or Leonard Albert <u>Kravitz</u>] <Vopava>

17. In *Twilight Princess*, a fairy of this phenomenon inhabits an item that Link wins from the rude monkey Ook. Farore, the Goddess of Courage and this phenomenon, names a spell in *Ocarina of Time* that summons this phenomenon. A Blight Ganon named for this phenomenon is the "scourge of" the Divine Beast Vah Medoh, who was associated with (*) Revali. In *Skyward Sword*, the Lanayru Mining Facility contains a "Bellows" that releases this phenomenon. In a cel-shaded game, Link uses a conductor's baton to control this phenomenon that allows him to traverse the Great Sea. For 10 points, a 2003 *Zelda* game is titled for a *Waker* of what weather phenomenon? ANSWER: wind [accept Gale Boomerang, accept Fairy of Wind, accept Farore's Wind, accept Wind blight Ganon, accept Gust Bellows, accept *The Legend of Zelda: Wind Waker*, prompt on air] <Maharjan>

18. A woman who appeared multiple times on this show suggested giving a rival an apple pie laced with arsenic. The meme of a woman in a light blue top spitting out her coffee originated on this show in a season that featured Andy Herren, this show's first openly gay winner. Under its typical format, this show broadcasts live for just one of its (*) three weekly episodes. People on this show may earn a "PoV," or Power of Veto, to nullify a nomination, forcing a designated "Head of Household" to nominate another guest for eviction. For 23 seasons, Julie Chen Moonves has hosted, for 10 points, what CBS reality show with an Orwellian name?

ANSWER: <u>Big Brother</u> <Nelson>

19. A product by this brand released in 1992 came to be known as the "Punisher" due to its unusually bulky design. The first product made by this brand, which is the subject of the documentary *Unbanned*, was outlawed due to lacking enough white coloring and was introduced in 1984. The "Fusion" line combines elements of this brand with a related brand's (*) Air Force Ones. While all other standard NBA uniforms use a Nike swoosh, the "Statement" jersey of the Charlotte Hornets uses a logo of this brand instead. The "Jumpman" logo is a symbol of, for 10 points, what basketball shoe brand named for a Chicago Bulls legend?

ANSWER: Air Jordan [or Jordans] <Nelson>

20. This type of establishment in the town of Pleasantville is where Roy shamefully shows his friends that his distracted wife let a clothes iron burn his shirt. A private one of these locations is where Eli Sunday is clubbed to death shortly after Daniel Plainview shouts "I drink your milkshake!" at the end of (*) *There Will Be Blood.* The character Walter Sobchak crudely asks if he's the only person who cares about the rules at this type of location, where a man nicknamed "the Jesus" demonstrates a bizarre method of polishing a ball. The Dude's friends in *The Big Lebowski* often play games at, for 10 points, what sporting locations central to the comedy *Kingpin*? ANSWER: bowling alley(s) <Vopava>

1. For 10 points each, answer the following about rap music references made by the Twitter account of former Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (AH-muh-DIN-uh-JAHD):

[10] To honor Malcolm X's birthday, he tweeted lyrics from this artist's "Ghetto Gospel." This rival of the Notorious B.I.G. released the songs "All Eyez on Me" and "California Love".

ANSWER: <u>Tupac</u> Shakur [or Tupac Amaru <u>Shakur</u>, or <u>2Pac</u>]

[10] When criticizing the U.S.'s defense budget, Ahmadinejad tweeted the line "they got money for wars but can't feed the poor" from this 2Pac song about the struggles women face. Its chorus maintains that "things'll get brighter."

ANSWER: "Keep Ya Head Up"

[10] Ahmadinejad tweeted the chorus of 2Pac's "Baby Don't Cry" after this rapper's 2019 death. This founder of the Marathon Clothing store won a posthumous Grammy for his song "Racks in the Middle." ANSWER: Nipsey Hussle [or Ermias Joseph Asghedom] <Andert>

2. In a joke widely understood at the time, many Hollywood Golden Era films featured a shady guy who lazily tosses a coin in the air and catches it over and over again. For 10 points each:

[10] That action was originated by George Raft's character in this 1932 gangster classic. Its protagonist was reimagined as a Cuban drug lord who screams "Say hello to my little friend!" in its 1983 remake.

ANSWER: <u>Scarface</u> [accept <u>Scarface</u>: The Shame of a Nation or The <u>Shame of a Nation</u>]

[10] In an homage to Scarface, Raft played a gangster who yells at one of his men for tossing a coin in this 1959 comedy about two jazz musicians who accidentally witness a mob hit.

ANSWER: Some Like It Hot

[10] A scar-faced, coin-tossing gangster keeps stealing away a beautiful girl in the "Broadway Melody" sequence from this 1952 musical starring Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds.

ANSWER: *Singin' in the Rain* <Vopava>

3. One of these segments in Bo Burnham's Inside starts by examining the song "Unpaid Intern" but, due to a glitch, becomes uncontrollably self-reflexive. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this type of video, whose common term was largely standardized in the 2010s by the Fine Brothers. Videos of this type record a person's first encounter with something unfamiliar.

ANSWER: <u>react</u>ion video(s) [or <u>react</u> video(s); accept any answer that gives the terms <u>reaction</u> or <u>react</u>] [10] The Fine Brothers' first ever React video exposed kids to a 2010 viral video in which Paul Vazquez becomes emotionally overwhelmed by one of these naturally occurring phenomenons in the Yosemite Valley.

ANSWER: **double rainbow** [prompt on "rainbow(s)"]

[10] The first reaction video craze showed unsuspecting people in the mid-2000s playing this simple kind of game on the internet only to be jumpscared by an image of Regan MacNeil from The Exorcist. ANSWER: a maze [accept The Maze or Scary Maze Game] <Vopava>

4. This player's 80-yard touchdown catch in a 2012 playoff game concluded the shortest overtime in NFL history, which ended after just ten in-game seconds. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this former Denver Broncos wide receiver, who died suddenly in December 2021 after suffering a seizure.

ANSWER: Demaryius (Antwon) Thomas

[10] Thomas's aforementioned touchdown catch was thrown by this quarterback, who may be better known for a namesake kneeling celebration and his recent attempts at a baseball career.

ANSWER: Tim **Tebow** (TEE-boh) [or Timothy Richard **Tebow**]

[10] This President of Football Operations for the Broncos, who also played for them for 16 seasons in the 1980s and 90s, was among the numerous figures to praise Thomas as a player and person after his death. ANSWER: John <u>Elway</u> [or John Albert <u>Elway</u> Jr.] <Nelson>

5. South by Southwest's Matthew Crump Cultural Innovation Award is given annually to the most iconoclastic video game of the year. For 10 points each:

[10] 2016's winner was this much-praised RPG almost single-handedly made by developer Toby Fox. Its sequel, *Deltarune*, is an anagram of this game's title.

ANSWER: <u>Undertale</u>

[10] In 2017's winner, *Celeste*, Celeste is one of these places, which players must arduously traverse in an extended metaphor for dealing with trauma.

ANSWER: mountain

[10] Scratchy oil-painting visuals bring to life this unusually class-conscious RPG, 2020's winner, in which an alcoholic cop, aided by Lt. Kitsuragi, investigates a murder in the dirty, war-torn city of Revachol. ANSWER: <u>Disco Elvsium</u> <Vopava>

6. For 10 points each, answer the following about TV actress and producer Quinta Brunson:[10] Brunson's first breakthrough came on this accurately named HBO comedy series, which also featured

bits from Robin Thede and Gabrielle Dennis. It was co-created by Issa Rae (EE-suh ray).

ANSWER: A Black Lady Sketch Show

[10] Brunson created and stars in this ABC mockumentary series that premiered in late 2021, which centers on the work lives of people who teach young children.

ANSWER: Abbott Elementary

[10] After her Instagram series *Girl Who Has Never Been on a Nice Date* was a hit, Brunson was hired to make shows for this website better known for its "listicles" and pop culture articles. ANSWER: **Buzzfeed** [or **Buzzfeed.com**] <Nelson>

7. During a performance at the 2016 NME Awards, this band's Oliver Sykes entered the crowd so he could sing on the table where Coldplay was sitting. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this hard rock band, whose single "Mantra" appeared on their album *Amo* (AH-moh). This group and Ed Sheeran released a new, much heavier version of "Bad Habits" in 2022.

ANSWER: Bring Me the Horizon

[10] Bring Me the Horizon has released music in various genres, several of which end in this four-letter word. This word follows "hard" in the name of a style of heavy punk music.

ANSWER: core [accept hardcore or metalcore]

[10] Bring Me the Horizon's 2019 single "Nihilist Blues" featured vocals by this weirdo female pop singer behind the albums *Art Angels* and *Miss Anthropocene*.

ANSWER: Grimes [or Claire Elise Boucher] <Nelson>

8. In 2018, Twitter legend Keaton Patti jokingly announced that the White House will function as one of these stores "until early November." For 10 points each:

[10] Name this chain store that, every autumn, swoops in to inhabit empty storefronts to sell Halloween merchandise. Their crappy banners depict an edgy grim reaper.

ANSWER: Spirit Halloween

[10] Spirit Halloween is owned by this mall store known for its off-color gag gifts. Its logo is its name spelled out in graffiti-style font.

ANSWER: **Spencer**'s [or **Spencer**('s) Gifts]

[10] Spirit Halloween's chief rival is this chain whose signage displays its name in rainbow letters. In an iconic moment from *RuPaul's Drag Race*, Phi Phi (fee fee) O'Hara told Sharon Needles to "go back to" this store "where you belong."

ANSWER: **<u>Party City</u>** <Vopava>

9. A club from this country was defeated by Bayern Munich in the final of the 2020 FIFA Club World Cup. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this country whose capital is home to the soccer club Cruz Azul (**krooz ah-ZOOL**). This North American country's national team, "El Tri" (el TREE), contests a fierce rivalry with the U.S. Men's National Team.

ANSWER: Mexico [or United Mexican States or Estados Unidos Mexicanos]

[10] In 2020 Liga MX, Mexico's top flight league, announced it would suspend use of this system where teams move between leagues each year. Nearly every league in Europe uses this system, which is typically known by the two words used for those movements.

ANSWER: **promotion** and **relegation** [accept answers in either order, prompt on <u>P/R</u>; prompt on partial answers]

[10] Mexican clubs generally dominate the CONCACAF (KON-kuh-kaff) Champions League, including in 2020 when Tigres UANL (TEE-grayss "U-A-N-L") defeated an MLS Club from this city. This city was home to the club Chivas USA until 2014.

ANSWER: Los Angeles [or L.A.; accept Los Angeles FC] <Weiner>

10. The security guard Buddy is erased from this game's data after the CEO of Soonami goes ballistic and destroys its servers with an axe. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this massively-multiplayer online game whose programming secretly contains the stolen source code to the earlier game *Life Itself*.

ANSWER: *Free City* [prompt on, but DO NOT otherwise reveal, answers like <u>the video game in *Free Guy*</u> or <u>the game that the (Free) Guy is from</u>]

[10] *Free City* is the primary setting of *Free Guy*, in which a video game NPC played by this handsome star of *Deadpool* becomes sentient.

ANSWER: Ryan (Rodney) Reynolds

[10] Taika Waititi, who plays *Free Guy*'s CEO villain, had earlier co-starred with Ryan Reynolds in this generally reviled film. In *Deadpool 2*, Deadpool goes back in time to kill Reynolds before he can sign on to this movie.

ANSWER: <u>Green Lantern</u> <Vopava>

11. In one scene, a character furiously explains that this thing can not have a cookie because it's not even alive. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this inanimate object on *Sesame Street*, a favorite item of Zoey, whose mere existence throws one of Zoey's friends into a total rage.

ANSWER: Rocco [prompt on answers like a rock]

[10] This generally friendly red muppet became irrationally angry about Rocco, who is just a rock, in a number of clips that went viral in early 2022.

ANSWER: Elmo

[10] In a 2006 episode of *Sesame Street*, Rocco is revealed to have an entire family, including a monocle-wearing rock named for this Romantic composer, whose most famous work is a "Rhapsody" made of 24 variations.

ANSWER: Sergei (Vasilyevich) Rachmaninoff [accept Rockmaninov] <Nelson>

12. Despite being one of the worst hitters in baseball history, Jeff Mathis has played in the majors for 17 seasons. For 10 points each:

[10] Mathis has stuck around due to his skill at this position, which forms one half of a "battery" and is indicated with a 2 in baseball scoring.

ANSWER: catcher

[10] Mathis sported a batting average around .160 in his two seasons with this team, where he caught for Lance Lynn and Mike Minor. This team's fancy new ballpark, Globe Life Field, was a neutral home to the 2020 World Series.

ANSWER: Texas Rangers [accept either]

[10] While with the Diamondbacks, Mathis was the preferred catcher of this elite and highly analytical pitcher, who earned his 200th win in 2019 with the Astros.

ANSWER: Zack Greinke (GRINK-ee) [or Donald Zackary Greinke] < Nelson>

13. For 10 points each, answer the following about characters created by children's picture book author Mo Willems:

[10] A 2019 book by Willems is titled for how this character "HAS to go to school." In his first appearance, the reader is firmly instructed not to let this character "drive the bus."

ANSWER: the **Pigeon** [accept *The* **Pigeon HAS to Go to School!** or **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!**; prompt on <u>bird</u>]

[10] In another, the Pigeon goes on a long rant before agreeing to split a hot dog with one of these animals. A well-known fairy tale by Hans Christian Anderson is about an ugly" one of these animals.

ANSWER: **<u>duck</u>**ling [accept <u>swan</u>]

[10] Willems also created this doll owned by Trixie, who appears in a namesake "Cautionary Tale" in which it is left at a laundromat.

ANSWER: Knuffle Bunny [accept Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale]

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14. For 10 points each, answer the following about women who turned songs that went viral on social media into full-blown music careers:

[10] This lo-fi singer quickly found a record deal after the video for her song "Pretty Girl" went viral. Her newest album, *Sling*, featured the lead single "Blouse."

ANSWER: Clairo [or Claire Elizabeth Cottrill]

[10] 17-year-old singer Gayle wrote this viral song after a Tiktok user asked her to create a breakup song inspired by the alphabet. In the song, she clarifies that it is directed at "everybody but your dog."

ANSWER: "abcdefu" (A-B-C-D-E-F-U)

[10] Maggie Rogers signed a record deal following this singer's positive response to her song "Alaska" in a Masterclass at NYU. This man sings "It might seem crazy what I am 'bout to say" in his song "Happy." ANSWER: **Pharrell (fuh-RELL)** (Lanscilo) **Williams** [accept either underlined portion] <Shao>

15. The mystique of seeing users share unexplained patterns of colored squares led to the incredible viral nature of this game. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this online game, launched in late 2021, that gives players six attempts to solve the day's five-letter puzzle.

ANSWER: Wordle

[10] In Wordle, a yellow square indicates that the letter in it has these *two* attributes.

ANSWER: it is **in the word** but in the **wrong place** [accept answers in either order; accept reasonable equivalents that give both of these attributes]

[10] Wordle's use of color hints to identify correct order is similar to the format of this board game, in which a codebreaker tries to deduce the exact sequence of his opponent's colored four pegs.

ANSWER: <u>Mastermind</u> <Vopava>

16. A number of sequels to classic films had titles that obfuscated the fact that they were sequels. For 10 points each:

[10] Despite the name difference, *The Two Jakes* had Jack Nicholson reprise his role as Jake Gittes from this 1974 Roman Polanski film named for a Los Angeles neighborhood.

ANSWER: *Chinatown*

[10] In the U.S., the sequel to this 1979 George Miller action film was re-titled as *The Road Warrior*. A 2016 film subtitled *Fury Road* starred Tom Hardy in the title role Mel Gibson originated in this movie.

ANSWER: Mad Max [accept Mad Max 2 or Mad Max: Fury Road]

[10] Janet marries Brad between the events of this film and its sequel *Shock Treatment*. Susan Sarandon, who played Janet in this film, was replaced by Jessica Harper in the sequel.

ANSWER: The Rocky Horror Picture Show < Weiner>

17. In addition to players, coaches, and referees, the Basketball Hall of Fame in Massachusetts inducts some members as "contributors." For 10 points each:

[10] The biggest of those contributors is probably this man, who invented basketball and is the namesake of the Hall of Fame itself.

ANSWER: James **Naismith** [accept **Naismith** Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame]

[10] Another enshrined contributor is Ed Steitz, a rules expert and executive who advocated for legalizing dunks, the three-point line, and the use of this device, which defaults to 24 seconds in NBA games.

ANSWER: shot clock

[10] Several broadcasters are also enshrined as contributors, including this college basketball specialist who wrote the books *Holding Court* and *Time Out Baby!*

ANSWER: Dick <u>Vitale</u> (vy-TAL) [or Richard John <u>Vitale</u>; prompt on <u>Dickie V</u>] <Nelson>

18. One of the title characters of this film criticizes a real life *L.A. Times* film critic who gave a poor review to director Sam Levinson's last film, *Assassination Nation*. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this black-and-white 2021 romantic drama named for its only two characters, who spend the majority of the film screaming at each other.

ANSWER: Malcolm & Marie

[10] Malcolm & Marie stars Zendaya (zen-DAY-uh) and this actor as its two protagonists. This man's previous credits include Ron Stallworth in *BlacKkKlansman* and the protagonist of *Tenet*.

ANSWER: John David Washington

[10] Levinson and Zendaya previously collaborated on this HBO teen drama that began its second season in 2022. Its other stars include Maude Apatow and Jacob Elordi.

ANSWER: <u>Euphoria</u> <Weiner>

19. For 10 points each, answer the following about TV shows titled Kingdom:

[10] The mid-2000s ITV comedy *Kingdom*, which was set at a rural Norfolk law firm, starred this beloved British comic who hosted *QI* ("Q-I") on the BBC until 2016.

ANSWER: Stephen (John) Fry

[10] The Korean zombie thriller *Kingdom* stars Bae Doo-na, whose only American TV role to date was in the cast of this 2015 to 2018 Netflix sci-fi show about a telepathically-linked cluster of characters.

ANSWER: <u>Sense8</u>

[10] *Kingdom*, about a family-run MMA gym, starred Frank Grillo, Jonathan Tucker, and this man, who is easily the most successful *actor* of all the Jonas Brothers.

ANSWER: <u>Nick</u> Jonas [or <u>Nicholas</u> (Jerry) Jonas] <Vopava>

20. As controversy built around Joe Rogan's podcast in early 2022, several artists removed their music from Spotify in protest. For 10 points each:

[10] This Canadian singer, who criticized the George H. W. Bush administration in "Rockin' in the Free World," threatened to and ultimately did remove his music from Spotify. He criticized Lynyrd Skynyrd in his song "Southern Man."

ANSWER: Neil (Percival) Young

[10] This former bandmate of Neil Young with Buffalo Springfield also requested his music be removed in solidarity in early February. He was also part of a folk supergroup with David Crosby and Graham Nash. ANSWER: Stephen (Arthur) Stills [accept Crosby, Stills, & Nash or Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young]
[10] This other Canadian folk singer also had her music removed as part of the boycott, including her hits "Big Yellow Taxi" and "Help Me."

ANSWER: Joni Mitchell [or Roberta Joan Mitchell or Roberta Joan Anderson] <Weiner>